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1. PRESS REPORTS SWISS GOVT ON JUNE 18 PROHIBITED SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) PRESIDENT DOLORES IBARRURI ("LA PASIONARIA" OF CIVIL WAR FAME) AND PCE SECRETARY GENERAL SANTIAGO CARRILLO, FROM SPEAKING AT JUNE 23 GENEVA ANTI-GOS MANIFESTATION SCHEDULED TO COINCIDE WITH FINAL DAYS THIS YEAR'S ILO CONFERENCE.
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2. THIS MANIFESTATION, WHICH REPORTEDLY ORGANIZED BY COMMUNIST SWISS WORKERS PARTY, IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT SOME 10,000 PERSONS, LARGELY SPANISH EMIGRANT WORKERS IN SWITZERLAND AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. PCE IS MAJOR PARTICIPANT, AND STAR ATTRACTIONS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SPEECHES BY CARRILLO AND "LA PASIONARIA".

3. COMMENT: SWISS GOVT'S ACTION IN PROHIBITING SPEECHES IS REPORTEDLY DUE TO PRESSURES BY GOS AND PROTESTS BY SPANISH AMBASSADOR. REASONS REPORTEDLY GIVEN BY SWISS GOVT FOR PROHIBITION WAS THAT SPEECHES THESE TWO MOST PROMINENT SSPANISH COMMUNIST PERSONAGES WOULD HAVE CONSTITUTED AN "INTERNATIONAL ACT AGAINST A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WITH WHICH SWISS GOVT MAINTAINS DEPLOMATIC RELATIONS". GOS SOURCES INDICATED RELIEF AT SWISS GOVT'S ACTION.

4. MANIFESTATION WILL STILL APPARENTLY BE HELD JUNE 23. APPARENTLY NEITHER CARRILLO OR "LA PASIONARIA" HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM ATTENDING, ONLY FROM GIVING THEIR SPEECHES. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THEY WILL ADHERE TO THIS BANN. ALSO IT POSSIBLE OTHER PROMINENT SPANISH COMMUNIST EXILE PERSONAGES, FOR EXAMPLE, COMMUNIST WORKER COMMISSIONS LEADER CARLOS ELVIRA GONZALEZ, WHO IS ATTENDING ILO CONFERENCE, MIGHT GIVE COMPARABLE SPEECHES IN THEIR PLACE.
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